

To: Watters, Michelle[watters.michelle@epa.gov]
From: Strausbaugh, Dan
Sent: Fri 8/7/2015 10:56:20 PM
Subject: Re: Imminent Request for ATSDR assistance associated with Gold King Mine Blowout

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BTW--thanks for your help on this one.
Dan

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 4:47 PM, Watters, Michelle <watters.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 5:31 PM, Strausbaugh, Dan <Strausbaugh.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI→Please note the attached

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From: Strausbaugh, Dan
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:06 PM
To: 'Stephens, James W. (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)'
Cc: Strausbaugh, Dan
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Jimmy,

The EPA Public Meeting and media event in Durango had barely ended and we received a call from the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) in Silverton, CO. Apparently, EPA noted during the meeting that they were preparing to post the water sampling results on the www.osc.org website. EPA/R8 is formatting the data and placing on the website and will let ATSDR know when the data is available. SJBHD requested ATSDR assistance interpreting the public health significance of the EPA water data. Regional Reps advised the SJBHD that ATSDR would respond to written (e.g. email) requests for assistance. We will forward the email request to you as soon as we receive. We plan to follow the following tentative procedure to prepare a written response (letter health consult) to the SJBHD request:

- Provide EPA water sample data to DTHHS/ER with the SJBHD written request for ATSDR assistance
- DTHHS/ER will prepare draft ATSDR conclusions/recommendations
- DTHHS/ER will provide draft language with the regional office (Me, Regional Rep and Regional Toxicologist) and with the DCHI Medical Officer
- We will keep you informed of timeline for preparing the draft letter health consult
- Once the draft is finalized in the region and approved by the DCHI medical officer and regional Toxicologist, it will be sent to you for

review/approval

- [REDACTED] The approved final will be shared with our EPA colleagues then,
- [REDACTED] The final language will be formatted and sent to SJBHD w/copies to all ATSDR involved
- [REDACTED] ATSDR regional staff will then prepare talking points necessary to respond to public and media public health questions/concerns associated with the EPA data.
- [REDACTED] Draft talking points will be forwarded to the OC for review/approval.

Please let me know if this procedure is inconsistent with your earlier instructions.

Thanks,

Dan

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